French Studies (FR)

Keele Campus

French Studies at Keele will let you explore a wide range of cultural, linguistic, and literary aspects of the French World. From Quebec to France via Haiti and Morocco, you will have the opportunity to not only acquire academic skills, but also study or work in French Canada or France. We also support Experiential Education through field experience and community engagement.

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in French Studies will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and elective courses outside your major.

| Course Type | Course(s) | Credits |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Major Course | AP/FR 1080 - French Language and Culture | 6.00 |
| General Education Course | Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences | 6.00 or 9.00 |
| General Education Course | Any approved course from the Natural Sciences | 6.00 |
| Course Outside French Studies | Any course that is not a French Studies course or general education course | 3.00 or 6.00 |
| Elective Course | Any course for which you meet the prerequisite requirements | 3.00 |
| | Total | 30.00 (maximum) |

^{*}Please note that the French Studies Department also offers non-major Beginner and Intermediate level courses (AP/FR 1020 6.0 and AP/FR 1030 6.0). These courses can lead to a Minor or Major in French

Program Options

With French Studies, you have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professionals Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor. French Studies can also be taken as a minor.

Double Major Options Include:

Communication Studies English History Humanities Italian Studies Linguistics Political Science Spanish + many more!

Minor Options Include:

English German Studies History Humanities Italian Studies Linguistics Political Science Spanish + many more!



The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

Career-Focused Services

Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.

Academic Support

Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs and academic advising services designed to help you every step of the way.

Social & Leadership Development Programs

A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future career.



Ann Juliet Saldana Third Year Student French Studies

"The French Studies program has helped me expand my knowledge and grow as a person. Learning languages can be challenging but my professors here at York are amazing and have guided me down the right path to succeed in school and after I graduate."

Your Degree Pathway



A degree in French Studies requires the completion of 90 Credits for a Bachelor's Degree (three years) or 120 Credits for an Honours Degree (four years). Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



French Studies Courses: French Language and Culture

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural

Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Your choice of courses outside of French Studies

Second Year

In your second year, you will continue your development of the fundamentals in French Studies.



French Studies Courses: Oral and Written Communication, Introduction to Linguistics, Introduction to Literature

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Third Year

Your third year in French Studies will allow you to explore specific interests in the field.



French Studies Course Options: Advanced Oral and Written Communication, French Phonetics, French Morphosyntax, Survey of Literature in French, Literature of French Canada, Translation and Contrastive Linguistics

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

-Fourth Year - -

In your fourth and final year, your courses in French Studies will be designed to meet your specific interests.



French Studies Course Options: Techniques of Communication, Rhetorics & Semiotics, Mediated Communication, Phonetics and Morphosyntax of Canadian French, 19th Century Literature: Romantic Hero, Comedy in the 18th Century, Contemporary Adventure Novel in French

Elective Courses: These courses can include additional French Studies courses or further courses of interest at the upper level

